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SUBJECT: PODGORNYS MARCH 22-26 VISIT TO TANZANIA

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1. USSR PRESIDENT PODGORNYS TANZANIAN VISIT CONTINUED MARCH 23 WITH ARRIVAL AT DAR ES SALAAM, FIRST OF THREE SCHEDULED TALKS WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE, AND STATE DINNER HOSTED BY NYERERE IN PODGORNYS HONOR. ON MORNING OF MARCH 24, PODGORNYS WAS TO HAVE SECOND MEETING WITH NYERERE AND PROCEED TO ZANZIBAR.

2. PODGORNYS GAVE STATEMENT TO PRESS ON ARRIVAL AT DAR ES

SALAAM. HE INCLUDED WHAT COULD BECOME THEME OF AFRICAN TRIP, THAT SOVIET POLICY OF "REDUCING INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS" CREATED BETTER CONDITIONS FOR THE STRUGGLE OF PEOPLES FOR PEACE, FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE, AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. THIS POLICY, HE SAID, WOULD ASSIST AFRICA IN COMBATTING COLONIALISM, AND CONSOLIDATING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE. USSR NOT SEEKING CONCESSIONS OR MILITARY BASES IN AFRICA OR ELSEWHERE.

3. SPEAKING AT BANQUET, NYERERE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (FULL TEXT SEPTTEL). HE ECHOED DEFENSIVE THEME IN YESTERDAY'S PRESS THAT TANZANIA NOT APOLOGETIC ABOUT ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH USSR OR OTHER COMMUNIT COUNTRIES. NYERERE ASKED FOR SOVIET UNDERSTANDING OF CAMPAIGN FOR A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER TO "END AUTOMATIC EXPLOITATION OF THE THIRD WORLD THROUGH THE MECHANISM OF TRADE BETWEEN POOR AND RICH NATIONS." SMALL WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY SCANDINAVIANS, UNDERSTOOD AND SUPPORTED THE CAMPAIGN AND ALSO UNDERSTOOD "AFRICA'S NEED FOR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE, ON BASIS OF FRIENDSHIP AND EQUALITY, DURING POST-INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE FOR TOTAL LIBERATION." HE SAID HE WAS NOT SURE THIS WAS FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY ALL COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. USSR HAD GIVEN "SOME" ASSISTANCE TO TANZANIA AND HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR IT. TONE OF HIS REMARKS, WHILE FALLING SHORT OF OUTRIGHT CRITICISM, INDICATED HE PERCEIVED SOME SHORTCOMINGS IN SOVIET AID, PARTICULARLY IN RUSSIANS' APPROACH. HE CAUTIONED THAT TANZANIA'S FRIENDSHIP WITH OTHERS DID NOT DEPEND ON THEIR AID, BUT ON MUTUAL RESPECT.

4. PODGORNYY'S REPLY CENTERED ON "RELAXATION OF TENSIONS" (FULL TEXT SEPTTEL). VICTORIES IN VIETNAM, LAGOS, CAMBODIA, GUINEA-BISSAU, CONFIDENTIAL

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MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA SHOWED THAT DETENTE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CAUSES OF REVOLUTION AND NATIONAL LIBERATION. HE REAFFIRMED SOVIET SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLES IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. ON ZAIRE, HE SAID RUSSIANS "BELIEVE ITS INTERNAL CONFLICT MUST BE SOLVED BY ITS OWN PEOPLE WITHOUT OUTSIDE IMPERIALIST INTERFERENCE."

5. SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY THAT RUSSIANS HAD REQUESTED QUITE A BIT MORE THAN ALLOWED BY NORMAL TANZANIAN PROCEDURE FOR STATE VISITS. RUSSIANS WANTED ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WITH NYERERE BEYOND THE THREE SCHEDULED AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PODGORNYY TO ADDRESS MASS AUDIENCE. TANZANIANS DECIDED THREE MEETINGS WERE ENOUGH AND DECLINED PODGORNYY'S PUBLIC SPEECH. MASS RALLIES ARE RARE EVENTS IN TANZANIA.

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